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Office Action Summary

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- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 34-53 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 34-53 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 34-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Heising (5,333,313).

As per claims 34, 43, 48- 50 and 53, Heising teaches a computer data storage medium storing a correspondence table which enables compression of a pronunciation dictionary, the correspondence table comprising:

“A plurality of correspondence set, each correspondence set including:

“A correspondence text entry”(col. 3. Lines 36-38);

“A correspondence phoneme entry representing the pronunciation of the correspondence text entry”(col. 3, lines 36-40); and

“A correspondence symbol identifying the correspondence set”(col. 3, lines 39-41).

As per claims 35, 40 and 51-52, the computer data storage medium further storing a tuning function for optimizing said correspondence table”(col. 4, lines 46-56).

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As per claims 36 and 47, Heising teaches wherein said tuning function eliminates redundant correspondence sets and low usage correspondence sets from said correspondence table”(col. 4, lines 51-56).

As per claims 37, 41 and 44, Heising teaches wherein said correspondence table includes said correspondence sets for all practical combinations of said correspondence text entries and said correspondence phoneme entries for a given language”(claim 1, , lines 15-20).

As per claims 38, 39 and 45-46, Heising teaches the computer data storage medium further storing a grouping of a plurality of said correspondence sets”(col. 7, lines 37-46).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Komissarchik et al (5,799,276) is cited to teach a knowledge based speech recognition system having frames length computed based upon estimated pitch period of vocalic intervals.

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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